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Johan *de Wit*

b. 1960, Ghent, Belgium

Johan de Wit brings together his fascination with aesthetic forms and everyday objects, working with pieces like tables or cupboards as well as abstract shapes that evoke archaeological references. Drawing on the traditions of the Flemish Primitives and the Flemish and Dutch masters of the Golden Age, De Wit highlights the interplay between open spaces and defined forms using materiality, texture, and color.

He begins each work by creating a paper model, reinforced on both sides with resin and marble powder. As it dries, he shapes the surface with folds and dents before applying multiple layers of paint in varied tones, which are then partially sanded back. This process gives his objects a sense of continuous motion, allowing the surface to reveal both the history of its making and the shifting play of light across its layers. Moving between concealment and revelation, De Wit ultimately reflects on the impermanence of lived experience.

Education

1968 MA Fine Art, Hoger Instituut voor Beeldende Kunsten Sint-Lucas, Ghent, Belgium

Solo Exhibitions

- 2024 Rossicontemporary, Brussels, Belgium
Huize St. Bonaventura, Ghent, Belgium
Gallery Ramakers, The Hague, Netherlands
- 2023 Folded Stories, Lien Buysens
Hilde Vandaele Gallery, Wattou, Belgium
Rossi Contemporary, Brussels, Belgium
Poort 8, Hillebrand van Kampen, Ghent Belgium
- 2022 Kristof De Clercq Gallery, Ghent, Belgium
- 2020 Classics, Kristof De Clercq gallery, Ghent, Belgium
- 2019 Affinity Art gallery, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong
Solid Air, Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Comforting Stash, Kristof De Clercq gallery, Ghent, Belgium
- 2018 Art Rotterdam, Kristof De Clercq gallery, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Volta14, solo show PRIVATEVIEW gallery, Basel, Switzerland
Code Art Fair, solo show PRIVATEVIEW gallery, Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2017 Moral Outlet, Garage Neven, Ninove, Belgium
Kristof De Clercq gallery, Ghent, Belgium
- 2016 The End of the World for Beginners, Valerie Traan, Antwerp, Belgium
- 2015 In Den Bouw, Kalken, Belgium
Kristof De Clercq gallery, Ghent, Belgium
- 2014 Loods 12, Wetteren, Belgium
- 2012 Kristof De Clercq gallery, Ghent, Belgium (with Honoré d'O)
- 1998 Galerie CD, Tielt, Belgium

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- 1996 Voorkamer, Lier, Belgium
- 1994 Opus Operandi, Ghent, Belgium
- 1993 Galerie Christine & Isy Brachot, Brussels, Belgium
Huize St.-Jacobus, Ghent, Belgium
- 1992 Centrum Netwerk - Netwerk Galerij, Aalst, Belgium
- 1988 Centrum Netwerk - Netwerk Galerij, Aalst, Belgium

Group Exhibitions & Fairs

- 2026 Celebrating 10 Years, Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
Zona Maco, Brandt Gallery, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2025 Nothing is what it seems, Jopie Huisman Museum, Friesland, Netherlands
Untitled Art, Miami, Brandt Gallery, Miami, FL, USA
Untitled Art, Houston, Brandt Gallery, Houston, TX, USA
- 2022 Francis Maere Fine Arts Gallery, Ghent, Belgium
Diskus Aalst
Art Rotterdam, Brandt Gallery, Rotterdam, Netherlands
Expo Chicago, Brandt Gallery, Chicago, IL, USA
De Warande 'Making Fun'
The Pink Edition, Brandt Gallery, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2021 EXPO Chicago Online, Brandt Gallery
- 2020 What We Do Not (want to) See, Galerie Ramakers, The Hague, Netherlands
Positions Berlin, Brandt Gallery, Berlin Germany
Art Rotterdam, Brandt Gallery, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- 2019 SQUARE, Affinity Art gallery, Sheung Wan, Hong Kong
Kleur, lijn en vorm, een levendige dialoog. De verzameling Jos Knaepen, Luc Peire en Johan De Wit, Stichting d'Ouwe Kerke, Retranchement, Netherlands
Art Brussels, with Kristof De Clercq gallery, Belgium
Art Rotterdam, with Kristof De Clercq gallery, Netherlands
Untitled Art, Miami, Brandt Gallery, Miami, FL, USA
- 2018 KRASJ 4, Art Biennale, Ninove, Belgium
Tien Om Te Zien - Nu ook in Zottegem, Studio ARBOR, Zottegem, Belgium
LE SUD (50° 38' 28" N, 4° 40' 5" E), Twelve Twelve gallery, The Hague, Netherlands
Untitled, Art Miami, Brandt Gallery, Miami, FL, USA
Glorious (?) Failure, Third Triennale of Contemporary Art, Duffel, Belgium
Stage of Being, Museum Voorlinden, Wassenaar, Netherlands
On Materiality, DASH, Kortrijk, Belgium
- 2017 Yugen#2, Ghent, Belgium
Mario De Brabandere, Johan De Wit, Peter Morrens, Kristof De Clercq gallery pop-up, Antwerp, Belgium
Art Brussels, with Valerie Traan, Brussels, Belgium
Art Rotterdam, with Kristof De Clercq gallery, Netherlands
- 2016 De Laatste Show, Voorkamer, Lier, Belgium 2015 PASS, Mullem, Belgium
Enlightened Fountains (reasons to be cheerful), Jan Colle / Loods 12, Ghent, Belgium
Praetoria, Berchem, Belgium
- 2014 Art Rotterdam, Kristof De Clercq gallery, Rotterdam, The Netherlands Villa Nederloo, Vlezenbeek, Belgium
- 2013 Ik Wordt, Voorkamer, Lier, Belgium
Dublin Doubles, Broadcast Gallery Dublin, Ireland

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- Hoge Horizon. Bruegelland, vroeg 21e eeuw, Voorkamer, Lier, Belgium Kunstenfestival Watou, Watou, Belgium
Ojects of Affection, Villa De Olmen, Wieze, Belgium
Videoroute, Netwerk Aalst, Aalst, Belgium
2006 Heilige Geest, Voorkamer, Lier, Belgium
Aanwinsten 2001 - 2005, collectie Provincie West-Vlaanderen, Ypres, Belgium
2005 Basics #2, Crox 145, Croxhapox, Ghent, Belgium
2000 Weldra in uw stad, Geen tijd, Lier, Belgium
1999 Jonge Kunst in Vlaanderen, Ironie & Vergankelijkheid, Cultureel Centrum De Werf, Aalst, Belgium
3 Countries - 3 sites - 3 arts. Wim Delvoye, Carl De Keyzer, David Claerbout, Johan De Wit, Espeel, Roeselare, Belgium
Happening: Proper Water. Een ceremonie van Johan De Wit, Villa Eksternest, Roeselare, Belgium
Argos, Brussels, Belgium
1997 Anna komt zo, Provinciaal Centrum voor Beeldende Kunsten, Provinciaal Museum Hasselt, Hasselt, Belgium
Alom & hiernevens, Zwartzusters, Lier, Belgium
AXIS, Museum Affandi, Yogyakarta, Java, Indonesia
National Gallery, Jakarta, Java, Indonesia
LASALLE, College of the Arts, Singapore
1996 Straatlopers, Actuele Kunst in de Gentse Papegaaivijk, Ghent, Belgium
Aus dem gewöhnlichen - Vanuit het alledaagse, Galerie In Situ, Aalst, Belgium On Line-media, Capitale, Ghent, Belgium
Voorkamer, Lier, Belgium
1994 Objects and Interaction, Performance, Voorkamer, Lier, Belgium
Choix de Bruxelles, Anciens Etablissements Jacqmotte, Brussels, Belgium E.Hoorn, H. Somers, F. Van Isacker, Stichting Logos, Ghent, Belgium
De Poulains, Kunstencentrum Vooruit, Ghent, Belgium
Opus Operandi, Ghent, Belgium
1993 Galerie Christine & Isy Brachot, Brussels, Belgium Musée du petit format, MUHKA, Antwerp, Belgium
1992 Confrontaciones Europe - America, Madrid, Spain Oorzaak & Zn., Turnhout, Belgium
1990 Huize St.-Jacobus, Ghent, Belgium
Trait-d'union, Beelden in de tuin van MB Graphics, Landegem, Belgium
Centrum Netwerk - Netwerk Galerij, Aalst, Belgium
1989 Van stof tot Asse, Galerij De Ziener, Asse, Belgium
1988 Way of Life, Centrum Netwerk - Netwerk Galerij, Aalst, Belgium
Johan Huys - improvisatieconcert op werk van W.Cuvelier, J.De Wit, L. D'hondt, Ch. Fink, Centrum Netwerk - Netwerk Galerij, Aalst, Belgium
1986 Antichambre, Fabriek voor Entartete Kunst, Ex-fabriek Alsberghe-van Oost, Ghent, Belgium

Collections

Museum Voorlinde, Wassenaar
SMAK, Gent
Nationale Bank van België, Brussel
Stichting Mu.Zee, Oostende
Collectie Sanders